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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 388

Introduced by Assembly Member Chang
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Achadjian, Baker, Brough, *Lopez*,
and Maienschein)
(Coauthors: Senators Bates and Huff)

February 18, 2015

An act to amend Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 388, as amended, Chang. Housing: homeless veterans: reports.

Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit an annual report to the Governor and both houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs administered by the department. Existing law requires the report to include, among other things, an evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department pursuant to the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014.

This bill would additionally require the evaluation to include information relating to the effectiveness in helping homeless veterans of any organization that was issued funds pursuant to that act, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the
2 changes to Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code made by
3 Section 2 of this act to ensure that entities ~~who~~ *that* are receiving
4 funds through the administration of Proposition 41, the California
5 Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014,
6 are using them in the most effective manner possible to prevent
7 veteran homelessness and to aid those impoverished veterans who
8 are already residing in homelessness. The inclusion of this study
9 would ensure that the Legislature will have adequate data to assess
10 the viability of the program as well as to give the California
11 Department of Veterans Affairs a means by which to determine
12 the viability of nonprofits that serve veterans and assess their
13 worthiness in the program.

14 SEC. 2. Section 50408 of the Health and Safety Code is
15 amended to read:

16 50408. (a) On or before December 31 of each year, the
17 department shall submit an annual report to the Governor and both
18 houses of the Legislature on the operations and accomplishments
19 during the previous fiscal year of the housing programs
20 administered by the department, including, but not limited to, the
21 Emergency Housing and Assistance Program and Community
22 Development Block Grant activity.

23 (b) The report shall include all of the following information:

24 (1) The number of units assisted by those programs.

25 (2) The number of individuals and households served and their
26 income levels.

27 (3) The distribution of units among various areas of the state.

28 (4) The amount of other public and private funds leveraged by
29 the assistance provided by those programs.

30 (5) Information detailing the assistance provided to various
31 groups of persons by programs that are targeted to assist those
32 groups.

33 (6) The information required to be reported pursuant to Section
34 17031.8.

35 (7) (A) An evaluation, in collaboration with the Department of
36 Veterans Affairs, of any program established by the department
37 pursuant to Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 987.001) of
38 Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code,

1 including information relating to the effectiveness in helping
2 low-income homeless veterans of any organization that was issued
3 funds pursuant to that article.

4 (B) The evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, the
5 following information:

6 (i) Performance outcome data including, but not limited to,
7 housing stability, housing exit information, tenant satisfaction as
8 measured by a survey, and changes in income, benefits, and
9 education.

10 (I) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “housing stability”
11 includes, but is not limited to, both of the following:

12 (ia) How many tenants maintained housing, and the length of
13 time those tenants spent in housing.

14 (ib) How many tenants move on to other housing, excluding
15 those tenants who move on for a higher level of care and those
16 tenants who died during tenancy.

17 (II) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “housing exit
18 information” includes, but is not limited to, the following:

19 (ia) How many tenants left housing.

20 (ib) The dates those tenants left housing.

21 (ic) The reason those tenants left housing.

22 (id) Where tenants who have left housing find new housing.

23 (ii) Client data, which may include, but is not limited to,
24 demographic characteristics of the veteran and his or her family,
25 educational and employment status of the veteran, and
26 veteran-specific information including, but not limited to, disability
27 ratings, type of discharge, branch, era of service, and veterans
28 affairs health care eligibility.